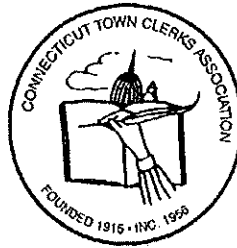


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Good morning Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin and distinguished members of the GAE Committee. My name is Antoinette Spinelli and I am testifying on behalf of the Connecticut Town Clerk's Association (CTCA). I am the legislative chair of the Town Clerk's Association and the Town Clerk of Waterbury. I am here today to testify in support of **HB5024 – An Act Concerning Voting Rights.**

While the responsibility for voter registration lies with the Registrar of Voters, the Town Clerk is and has been responsible for the issuing and processing of Presidential Ballots and we support the recommended changes which will allow the Clerks to continue to issue Presidential Ballots to those qualified citizens who are former residents of the town.

The Association also supports **HB5022 – An Act Increasing Penalties For Voter Intimidation and Interference.** We support harsher penalties for those who interfere or attempt to intimidate a voter.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chair, CTCA Legislative Committee